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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
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SUBJECT: PERMREPS LUNCHEON, APRIL 5, 1977

SUMMARY: AT THEIR REGULAR LUNCHEON ON APRIL 5, NATO PERMREPS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:
1. AWACS.
2. CSCE.
3. TURKISH-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS.
4. TURKISH-USSR RELATIONS.
5. COOPERATION AMONG INDONESIA, THAILAND AND MALAYSIA.
6. ZAIRE.

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1. AWACS. HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) ASKED SYG LUNS ABOUT PLANS FOR FURTHER ADDRESSING AEW MATTERS IN THE ALLIANCE IN THE WAKE OF THE UK DECISION ON NIMROD. LUNS REPLIED THAT HE PLANNED TO HOLD BILATERAL TALKS WITH SEVERAL ALLIES AND THEN TO CONVENE A MEETING TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS. HE AFFIRMED THAT IF IT WERE CERTAIN THAT NIMROD WOULD COVER THE SEA SPACE ADJACENT TO NATO EUROPE, OTHER NATIONS COULD WELL BE PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH THE AWACS PROJECT IN AN EMASCULATED FORM IN ORDER TO COVER OTHER AREAS. IN HIS VIEW, A

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NEED STILL EXISTED FOR A NATO AWACS SYSTEM.

CATALANO (ITALY) THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO
EXAMINE NATO AEW PROPOSALS ON A NEW BASIS; FOR
EXAMPLE, HE SAW VALUE IN MAKING THE PROJECT SOMEWHAT
LESS "EXCLUSIVE" IN TERMS OF CO-PRODUCTION POSSIBILIT-
TIES AND IN DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF COVERAGE OF THE
FLANKS.

HARDY (CANADA) SAID HE WAS RETURNING TO OTTAWA
APRIL 15 FOR CONSULTATIONS, INCLUDING ON AWACS, AND
HE SAID HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFORMATION HE
MIGHT CARRY BACK TO HIS AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE FUTURE
OF THE PROJECT. IN RESPONSE, KILLICK (UK) SAID THAT
HIS AUTHORITIES WERE EXAMINING THE QUESTION OF
INTEROPERABILITY WITH NIMROD AND HOPED TO BE ABLE
TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION IN DUE COURSE.

SCHUURMANS (BELGIUM) SAID THAT ATTENTION NEEDS TO
BE GIVEN TO THE NUMBER OF NATO AWACS AIRCRAFT THAT WOULD
BE REQUIRED IN ADDITION TO THE ELEVEN NIMROD AIRCRAFT
CONTEMPLATED BY THE UK. LUNS SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO
COMMISSION A STUDY BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND WOULD
RETURN TO THE MATTER SHORTLY.

2. CSCE. STREATOR (US) DREW ON STATE 75292 (DTG
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050140Z APR 77) TO INDICATE THAT THE US HAD DECIDED
NOT TO SEND AN OFFICIAL FROM WASHINGTON FOR THE APRIL 20
NAC SESSION ON CSCE SINCE THERE APPEARED TO BE LITTLE
INTEREST AMONG THE ALLIES IN INVOLVING
HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS. THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIAN PERMREPS
BOTH INDICAED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS HAD DECIDED TO
SEND OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS. ON THE OTHER HAND, BOSS
(FRG) AFFIRMED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES DID NOT FAVOR HIGH-
LEVEL PARTICIPATION. THE UPSHOT WAS A DECISION TO
PROCEED WITH THE NAC DISCUSSION ON CSCE ON APRIL 20,
WITH THOSE OFFICIALS THAT WISHED TO ATTEND.
(COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PERMREP DIS-
CUSSION WILL LEAD TO A GENERAL REVIEW OF PLANS FOR ATTENDANCE.
IF A SIGNFICIANT NUMBER OF ALLIES DECIDE TO SEND OFFICIALS,
DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER THE PARTICIPATION OF ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HARTMAN, WHO, WE UNDERSTAND, PLANS TO BE IN
BRUSSELS IN ANY CASE FOR US-EC CONSULTATIONS. END COMMENT.

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LAGAKOS (GREECE) MENTIONED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES
HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM NAA SYG DESHORMES RECALLING
A RECENT NAA RESOLUTION FAVORING THE PARTICIPATION OF
PARLIAMENTARIANS IN THE BELGRADE CSCE MEETING. HE
NOTED THAT ONLY THE US HAD INDICATED AN INTENTION TO
INCLUDE PARLIAMENTARIANS IN ITS DELEGATION AND ASKED
IF OTHERS WOULD DO LIKEWISE.
DE FREITAS CRUZ (PORTUGAL) AND SCHUURMANS SAID
THAT THEIR AUTHORITIES WERE STILL CONSIDERING THE
ISSUE AND THAT PARLIAMENTARY PARTICIPATION MIGHT BE
POSSIBLE. NO OTHERS OFFEREED INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER
AND KILLICK SUGGESTED THAT IT BE PURSUED IN THE POLITI-
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3. TURKISH-NORTH KORENA RELATIONS. KIRCA (TURKEY)
NOTED PRESS REPORTE TOTHE EFFECT THAT TURKEY HAD
RECOGNIZED NORTH KOREA AND ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS AND SAID THAT THESE REPORTS WERE WITHOUT
SUBSTANCE. TURKEY DID NOT INTEND EITHER TO ESTABLISH
RELATIONS OR TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA, RATHER, THE TWO
COUNTRIES WILL ESTABLISH UNOFFICIAL COMMERCIAL RELA-
TIONS REGULATED BY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, ON THE PATTERN PURSUED BY TURKEY
IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE GDR.

4. TURKSIH-USSR RELATIONS. KIRCA ALSO BRIEFED ON
RECENT TURKISH-USSR DISCUSSIONS ALONG LINES RECENTLY
REPORTED BY EMBASSY ANKARA AND OTHERS.

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5. COOPERATION AMONG INDONESIA, THAILAND AND MALAYSIA. KIRCA, DRAWING UPON REPORTS RECEIVED FROM TRUKISH MISSIONS IN JAKARTA AND BANGKOK, SAID THAT THE ASEAN NATIONS WERE ESTABLISHING DEFENSIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN-VOLVING THE ASEAN COUNTRIES BUT OUTSIDE THE FORMAL ASEAN FRAMEWORK. THE TURKISH REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE INDONESIAN WOULD PLAN " TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN" IN THE EVENT OF AN ATTACK ON THAILAND, WHILE IN THE EVENT OF AN ATTACK ON MALAYSIA THE INDONESIANS" WILL REACT MILITARILY."KIRCA SAID THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH INDO-NESIAN AND MALAYSIAN DEFENSE COOPERATION, DISCUSSIONS WERE PROCEEDING ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF INDONESIAN TROOPS IN MALAYSIA IN THE EVENT OF NEED. MOREOVER, INDONESIAN FORCES WERE BEING SENT TO MALAYSIA TO INSTRUCT AND TRAIN IN GUERRILLA WARFARE. HE ALSO REPORTED JOINT THAI-MALAYSIAN OPERATIONS AGAINST COMMUNIST INSURGENTS IN THE FRONTIER AREA BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

6. ZAIRE. STREATOR DREW ON STATE 71906 (DTG 011954Z APR 77), STATE 72489 (DTG 020351Z APR 77) AND STATE 75274 (DTG

050112Z APR 77) IN BRIEFING ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO ZAIRE. SCHUURMANS SAID THAT BELGIAN REPORTS COINCIDED WITH THOSE OF THE US AND ADDED THAT RECENT BELGIAN ANALYSIS CONCLUDES THAT THE INSURGENCY IN SHABA IS RELATED TO EFFORTS TO OVER-THROW MOBUTU. FOR THEIR PART, THE BELGIANS SEE NO ALTERNATIVE TO MOBUTU ON THE ZAIRIAN POLITICAL SCENE AND ENVISAGED CHAOS IF HE WERE REMOVED. FOR THAT REASON, AND BECUASE OF MOBUTU'S PRO-WESTERN STANCE, BELGIUM CONTINUES TO SUPPORT HIM. HE ALSO NOTED THAT MOBUTU HAD RECENTLY CANCELLED PLANS TO VISIT SHABA AND HAD ATTENDED NEITHER NGOUABI'S FUNERAL IN BRAZZAVILLE OR THE APRIL 3 RALLY OF SUPPORT IN KINSHASA. STRASUZ-HUPE

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